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The Constitutional Convention.
THE DEMOCRACY "UP A STUMP!"

Immediately after the recent election of Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, (in which but a very small portion of the voters of Vermont participated) the Vermont Patriot and its co-laborers the Burlington Courier &c., &c., went into a series of extraordinary paroxysms of joy over what it called a "triumph" over "long-tears, slaughter-house whiggery." Nothing could exceed the vociferous exultation of these bogus organs of a bogus party! They hurraed, and screamed and yelled and went into ecstatic spasms over what they were pleased to speak of as a great popular manifestation of abhorrence for the White Party of Vermont! No exhibition of pure bogus was ever stronger! The Patriot was on stilts, and the Courier and Brandon Post got up a very feeble imitation of the "high blatt" jubilation of that extra-gas paper. On the 6th of December the Patriot, after giving "results so far as ascertained," said:—

"Democratic majority 49. The remaining 23 towns have all elected Long Teas, and not more than half of them have done so. The Democratic majority will be reduced, only to 25, but cannot be overcome, GAGGED out, not DRAGGED out."

"This was very solemn and ominous, and the Patriot, being the only cynophore, had it all its own way! 'Democratic' and 'Free Democrats' were mixed up and confounded, by this trimming and ambiguous 'leads' of democracy, in the lowest and most unprofitable manner! I sent down HUNT of St. Albans, PARSON of Fairfield, STOUTON of Chester, and other very respectable gentlemen, as not only 'democrats' but 'Free Democrats' Patriot, Eastman, Vilas & Co., Bozys, democrats—and all went on swimmingly! The 'democratic' majority in the Convention would make less than FIFTY, the Patriot declared, and 'long-tears whiggery' was flatter than a sheet of zinc! On the 13th of December the Patriot adds to its retort, and says:—

"19 towns to be heard from—Democratic majority 50, 51."

"Democratic majority so far 50! Great times in the Jerseys! Great is Bogus, and Barber, Vilas & Co. are its Prophets! Slaughter-house whiggery has caught it this time, it never did before. FIFTY democratic majority, squall out the deluded organs of Bogus!"

On the 20th of December, the Patriot apparently subsides into that delirious state of self-complacency which is so favorable for growing "fat and away." It has reached the climax of a "democratic triumph," and waxes hazy and selfish. It gives the result in all but seven towns, which shows a "democratic" majority of 47, and significantly says:—

"The Delegates should bring the names of a few hundred new subscribers, just at this time of Long Teas attempts to look as down, who find no advantage to accept them, especially if they find no advantage."

Can a more elevated condition of self-complacency be conceived of! In view of the Herculean and triumphant labors of the Patriot to transfer "Democracy" to "Bogus," and to play the very devil with "long-tears and slaughter-house whiggery," its happy prophecies will be considered to require a low hundred new subscribers, if the present and future applications can be paid in advance? The Patriot was certainly "done taking rest." It was at the top of the hour, and was not only, (in its own conceit) "vina pumpkins," but pretty much every thing else in the Vegetable Kingdom! It felt at liberty to "smash the democracy" in an indirect manner and fix conditions upon which the fold could be united. You addlers, suggests the Patriot, are good-looking, but you can't come to unless you "pay in advance!" Ah!—

On the 27th of December, the Patriot figured up 110 "democrats" and 50 "long-tears," and evidently felt as happy as "a clam at high tide."

But, alas! for the vanity of bogus calculations! The Convention met on Wednesday of this week, and the Patriot's castle in the air fell to the ground! A census of the "democracy" as figured up by the Patriot was done on Thursday evening last, and Levi B. Vilas, one of the "110 of May" operators, and a very prominent one, was nominated for President of the Convention. The "Patriot clique" pronounced Vilas the man, and he was thereupon, though not harmoniously, nominated.

The next morning (Wednesday) the Convention assembled, and M. FIELD of New France, a gentleman who has more substance than the entire Barber clique multiplied by two, whether he knows it or not, nominated Judge HUNT of St. Albans, for President pro tem. Our friend THOMAS of West Fairlee, nominated VILAS as Judge pro tem, and after appointing two additional democrats, Charles, the Convention adjourned.

Yesterday, came in the election of a permanent President. Our readers will see the result in the letter of our correspondent this evening. Where were the Patriots' 110 democrats? That were especially commissioned to knock "long-tears whiggery" into fits? LEVI B. VILAS received 104 votes, and after repeated and exulting trials, "running down" like a gentleman with the cholera, he declined in favor of Mr. BARTLETT, of Lyndon, a gentleman who, though somewhat linked-in with the Free-Democracy, has about as much sympathy with them as he has with trickery in general—and no more. Mr. BARTLETT, however, fared but little better than his "illustrious predecessor," and the Convention adjourned without effecting a choice!

Governor COOLIDGE was the candidate of the Whigs; and no better selection could have been made. Gov. COOLIDGE is a gentlemanly and polished man, but by a perfunctory and a perfunctory manner, and by an experience that would facilitate the proceedings of the Convention. But he has no chance in this "Free Democracy" vote! The death and burial of "long-tears whiggery" is what the high-minded and patriotic "leaders" of Free Democracy are after, not the expedition of public business! Barber, the Free Democracy "elephant," and Stansbury, who declines \$1000 offices "for convenience sake," were there, and their opinion decidedly was that "the good of the slave" requires

ed that VILAS should be elected! To be sure, VILAS was a Cass and Butler, Polk and Dallas Texas Annexationist, but he wasn't half so bad as BROWN of Indiana, whom Giddings & Co. voted for, for Speaker of the House of Representatives, the other day! Let us rip up "long-tears whiggery," said they? That is the chief business this Constitutional Convention has in hand, as we understand it!

—But it was no go! The Patriot's "FIFTY MAJORITY" was emphatically missing! Poor Bogus, after all its labors and boasts finds itself only in a plurality, and the great Levy, Lucas, Mansfield operator has been obliged to decline!! Bogus "Free Democracy" is effectually defeated, in the Convention! We are informed that Barber was prominently active in the Caucus, Wednesday evening—So much so as to lead Mr. FIELD to hint that as a matter of reasonable precaution against a premature explosion, he should feel called on to puncture his balloon with a pin! But Barber's zeal, naturally enough, only made matters worse, and he has now nothing to do but to go home and sing "Mortality" over another failure!

—Oh, Bogus!—

From Montpelier.

It will be seen by the letter from our correspondent, that the Constitutional Convention was organized, yesterday, by the election of H. THOMAS BARTLETT JR., President, and CARLOS S. NOYES, of Hydepark, and H. E. STOUTON of Chester, Secretary and Assistant.

Mr. BARTLETT is an able and deservedly popular lawyer, and a gentleman. In politics he is a "democrat," with the least appreciable tinge of the modern monstrosity, known as "Free Democracy." His election is a clean triumph, and a clean rebuke of a faction that sought to make party differences a test in the Convention.

MESSRS. NOYES and STOUTON are both "old-line democrats"—the nominee of the "Free Democracy," Mr. SMITH of Weston, having too recently been a whig (oh, Mr. Smith! to be put to any practical use!—

—On the whole, "Free Democracy" can have our hat!

Special Correspondence of the Free Press.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—3d DAY.

MONTPELIER, JAN. 7, 1850.

Gen. Clarke.

Upon the assembling of the Convention, this morning, Hon. LEVI B. HUNT, President pro tem in the Chair, the rule of order (the election of permanent officers) was suspended, and Mr. FIELD of New France, had leave to introduce a resolution, directing the selection of some person, by the President, who should officiate as chaplain during the sitting of the Convention.

Several amendments were proposed, such as "to invite the several clergymen of the town to officiate by rotation," "to invite the clergyman of the Convention," &c. To the last mentioned, Messrs. BROWN of New Haven, VILAS, SARGENT, and others had strong objections. They, the Clergymen of the Convention, were sent here for an entire different purpose. The proposition was rejected. Next, a motion by Mr. FIELD, to lay the motion upon the table, to be made the order for two o'clock this afternoon was lost, when Mr. CLARK, of Fairlee, proposed to amend by inviting the entire presence of the delegates, at the house of prayer daily; this too was lost; and after some good natured sparring, the matter was disposed of by the adoption of a resolution inviting the officiating Clergyman in Montpelier to open the Sessions daily, with prayer.

The Convention now returned to the matter of electing a President, when Mr. HUNT—who you are aware had hitherto been supported by a portion of all parties, by some under one pretence, and by others under another,—announced the withdrawal of his name from the caucus. He alluded to the time and money foolishly spent, the able character of other gentlemen nominated, and deprecated the fact that anything of a political character had found entrance into the Convention.

Upon this, Mr. BROWN remarked that he was taken "somewhat aback." Mr. HUNT was his first and almost his only choice, and he should take the liberty again to put him in nomination, and should not consent to his withdrawal. The ground of conflict being again fairly open.

Judge BROWN moved to lay the resolution, providing for the election of a President, Secretary and assistant Secretary, upon the table, and the Convention proceeded to take up the proposition of amendment to the constitution, and act thereupon. This motion was favored by the mover and Gov. COOLIDGE, on the ground that this was not a political body, nor had they come here with any idea that political ends would here be sought. The convention was sufficiently organized for the transaction of all its business; and the Gov. COOLIDGE no further time would be occupied in preliminary views.

MESSRS. VILAS and C. K. FIELD opposed the motion. Mr. V. deemed that less time would be occupied in balloting than in the discussion. Mr. FIELD asked if Gentlemen thought Mr. Hunt amply capable to perform the duties of President, why they had not voted for him? Mr. KELLOGG, of Benson, moved to lay the motion upon the table, which motion being favored by Dr. HALE, of Brandon, and J. J. BEARDSLEY, of Westford, and opposed by Mr. ROBERTS of Townshend, was carried by a vote of 125 to 103.

Mr. BEARDSLEY introduced a resolution, to the effect that if no choice is effected upon the first or second ballot, the Convention suspend further balloting until otherwise ordered; but upon the suggestion of Mr. VILAS, he withdrew the resolution.

After this much of preliminary for the morning, the ballots being called for, were forwarded for the eighth time with the following result:

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| Necessary to a choice, | 116 |
| Of these | |
| Thos. Bartlett, Jr., had | 105 |
| Carlos Coolidge, | 77 |
| Luther B. Hunt, | 41 |
| Horatio Needham | 2 |
| Jonas Clarke, | 2 |
| L. B. Vilas, | 1 |
| Norman Williams | 1 |
| Gov. Palmer, | 1 |
| C. K. Field, | 1 |

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| Mr. Bartlett had | 109 |
| " Coolidge, | 60 |
| " Hunt, | 53 |
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Mr. WILLIAMS here introduced a resolution to suspend further balloting.—Laid on the table, and the tenth ballot was had without effecting a choice, as follows:—

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| Necessary to a choice, | 118 |
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and the declaration of the vote being made the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Upon the assembling of the Convention in the afternoon, Mr. BARTLETT was invited to the chair which he took after making appropriate remarks.

The first business being the Election of Secretaries, Mr. NEEDHAM nominated LUCIUS H. NOYES, who was voted in unanimously, vice COO.

For Assistant Secretary, Dr. HALE nominated STEPHEN SMITH, and Mr. BEARDSLEY seconded it.

Mr. FIELD was sorry any one should choose a different course from reinstating the present officers and nominated HENRY E. STOUTON, Esq. The nomination was seconded by Wm. HAYWARD, and the ballots being called for, the result was the choice of Mr. STOUTON.

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| Whole number of votes. | 215 |
| Mr. Stouton had | 118 |
| " Smith | 92 |
| " Norman Williams | 3 |
| And H. W. Stouton | 1 |

The Convention being fairly organized, and apprehending much to the gratification of all concerned, Mr. WILLIAMS moved that the proposed amendments to the Constitution, with the present articles which will be effected by their adoption, be read. The motion prevailed.

Mr. WILLIAMS then introduced sundry resolutions providing for the adoption of the entire amendments, and on motion of Mr. POMEROY, the Convention went into Committee of the whole for their consideration, Mr. POMEROY in the Chair.

With this Mr. Editor, I leave you for today. You shall hear from me again tomorrow.

Yours, COMMUNICATOR.

Constitutional Convention.—Second Day.

(Correspondence of the Free Press.)

Montpelier, Jan. 3, 4 o'clock P. M.

DEAR SIR:

The Convention assembled this morning at 9 o'clock. The roll of the members, who had furnished credentials, having been called, several members were admitted to seats without producing credentials. The Secretary informed the Convention that Mr. Barber of Cambridge had presented credentials as the delegate elect from that town, signed by the first constable, and that Mr. Stowell had presented credentials, signed by one of the Selectmen as presiding officer of the meeting, showing that Mr. Stowell was duly elected. Both credentials were in the prescribed form. Mr. Beardsley introduced a resolution declaring Mr. Barber entitled to a seat as the delegate from Cambridge. After an hour or more spent in discussing the prima facie rights of the claimants, the resolution was adopted—yeas 131, nays 100. Mr. Carpenter, of Essex, introduced a resolution, providing for a Committee on Elections, consisting of five members; which was adopted. The rules of the last Convention (except the 19th rule) were adopted, until otherwise ordered, as the rules of this Convention.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for President. The first ballot resulted as follows:—LEVI B. VILAS, of Benson, 92; LEVI B. HUNT, of St. Albans, 125; SARGENT, 104; COOLIDGE, 60; STOUTON, 49. The Convention then adjourned. In the afternoon the committee on Elections were appointed, consisting of two whigs, two free-soilers and one democrat, (old line, of course). The Convention then proceeded to ballot again for President. After three ballots, without any material variation in the result from the balloting in the forenoon, saying that Mr. Vilas had ground, he declined, and nominated Mr. Bartlett, Free Democrat, of Lyndon. The balloting proceeded and after two more ballots, without effecting a choice, the Convention adjourned. The next ballot stood as follows:—BARTLETT 106, COOLIDGE 57, HUNT 107, SARGENT 49. You will perceive that Mr. Vilas has been driven from the field, because he could not carry the strength of his party. The Free Democracy are not in the majority, and whether either whigs or old-line democrats will aid in the election of Mr. Bartlett, who is a man of ability and firmness, will be known to-morrow.

Neither the whigs nor the old-line democrats have entered in the matter, nor will they do so. They both insist that the organization should not be made political; but as the Free Soilers had made it so, and the men which they first nominated was objectionable to both whigs and true democrats, and to a portion of his own party, they were compelled to vote against him.

Your friend, B. Y.

(Special Correspondence of the Free Press.)

Constitutional Convention—Third Day.

MONTPELIER, JAN. 5, 1850.

Gen. Clarke:—In Committee of the whole, yesterday, the first nine articles of proposed amendment were disposed of as follows:

The 1st, relating to increase of representation, was, on motion of Mr. HUNT, laid on the table to be taken up hereafter.

The 2nd, a provision against balloting after 12 o'clock at night, was also ordered to lie, on motion of Mr. KELLOGG.

The 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th were recommended, without discussion. (These, you will notice, relate to election of County officers, exclusive of

Registers of Probate and Justices of the Peace.)

The 7th, relating to justices, was favored by BUTLER of Stowe, and opposed by HATCH of Stafford, and recommended.

The 8th, relating to election of Registers, was favored by Messrs. TOWNSELY & FIELD and opposed by Messrs. HUNT, NEEDHAM & KELLOGG, on motion of Mr. NELSON of Bakersfield, the Committee voted its adoption not expedient.

The 9th, providing that all these officers shall be elected by ballot, and hold their office one year, was laid on the table, and, on motion of Mr. ADAMS, of Milton, the Committee rose and reported progress.

Mr. FIELD introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of Sergt. at Arms, Door Keeper, and other officers of the Convention, which was adopted.

Mr. BUTLER introduced a resolution providing for a Committee on rules;—adopted.

A motion to adjourn was lost, and Mr. HUNT moved a reconsideration of the vote, adopting Mr. Field's resolution mentioned in a paragraph above. Upon this, the Convention, by common consent, went into a discreditable confusion, equally participated in by all parties, and finally sought its own harmony by a vote to adjourn, which was secured by the casting vote of the President.

Saturday, Jan. 5th, A. M.

The PRESIDENT announced the names of Mr. Butler of Stowe, Parker of Cicerity, and Marston of Montpelier, as Committee on rules.

The resolution of Mr. Field was so modified as to invite the Sergeant at Arms to be in attendance, during the sitting of the Convention, and authorizing the President to appoint a Door keeper and other officers of the House; and adopted.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved to recommit the report of the Committee of the whole of yesterday. The motion was supported by the mover and Mr. BARTLETT, as opposed by Mr. HAYWARD, and agreed to.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. TRACY of Braintree, directing the appointment of a Committee on debates—one from each County—and adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. SOULES, the Convention again went into Committee, for a reconsideration of the resolutions of Mr. Williams;—Mr. HUNT in the Chair.

In Committee of the whole, nearly the entire day was consumed in a consideration of the first resolution—favoring the adoption of the first article of amendment, relating to an increase of representation. Mr. VILAS led the figure by offering brief objections to the amendment, and was followed by Mr. POMEROY, its principal advocate. He was heard at considerable length, and spoke with candor and force, and gave statistical information to prove the ground of his complaint, viz, inequality of representation. In this he was supported by Messrs. WHITNEY of Springfield, and BINGHAM of Charlotte.

Candid and earnest opposition was made by Messrs. BUTLER of Stowe, WILLARD of Barton, ADAMS of Milton, FIELD of New France, BENTON of Lunenburg, and many others, on the ground that inequality of representation would exist in any case, for instance; twenty four hundred and ninety six inhabitants could have only one representative, while with an increase of ten they would be entitled to a second one. They claimed, also, that the people were already represented to much. If the object was to equalize representation, the proposal failed to reach it entirely—it could only be obtained by distorting the State.

Having been in session for several hours, from nine in the morning till three and a half P. M., with the exception of an hour for dining, and which time I am happy to inform you was, in my opinion, very pleasantly and profitably spent, the committee, without final action upon the resolution, rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. PARKER, of Coventry, the Convention adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday.

I take pleasure in stating that, today, the debate has assumed a sincere and earnest character, showing the members of the Convention to be more solicitous for the truth than they were to try how many aggravating things might be said, as is too often the case, even in the higher bodies of Legislation.

Hastily yours, COMMUNICATOR.

Montpelier, Jan. 7, 1850.

Gen. Clarke:

Dear Sir,—After prayer in Convention, this morning, by Rev. Mr. Munson, the President, pursuant to resolutions of Saturday, announced the following appointments:—

HARRY RICHARDSON, Door Keeper,

GAMAHIEL WASHBURN, Gilbert L. HATCH,

FRANCIS R. RICKER and ISAAC D. KILBOCK, Officers of the House.

Stephen Smith, Windsor County, Eleazer Gorham, Windham " Geo. W. Grady, Addison " Joel S. Bingham, Clarendon " Frank J. Eastman, Caledonia " Wm. L. Sonté, Grand Isle " John L. Edwards, Lamoille " Thos. McDaniel, Bennington " Galen Locke, Rutland " John W. Batchelder, Orange " N. A. Chase, Washington " S. S. Pike, Lamoille " Bradley Barlow, Franklin " William Rich, Essex, " A Committee on Debates.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Weston, the Convention again went into Committee of the whole, upon the resolutions of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Smith in the Chair. Mr. ADAMS of Milton, moved that the committee report against the adoption of the first resolution of the series—that relating to the amendment providing for an increased representation.

The discussion was opened by Mr. SEYMOUR of Middlebury, against the motion—or in favor of the amendment, planting himself upon the broad assertion that "one third the population of the State ruled the whole." The debate which followed was substantially a reiteration of that of Saturday,—in different form of course—and was continued in favor of the amendment by Messrs. TOWNSELY and POMEROY, and against it by GUINDON of Ferrisburgh, HAYWOOD and BUTLER of Stowe, until the hour for adjournment; when, on motion of Mr. HUNT, the Committee rose and the Convention adjourned.

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In the afternoon, Mr. WILSON of Bakersfield introduced a resolution providing for evening sessions, which was rejected, and the session, in committee of the whole, being resumed and the consideration of the first article continued, Mr. POMEROY finished an argument of some length, the force and candor of which was conceded on all hands. Mr. BEARDSLEY opposed the amendment, and the committee, on the motion of Mr. Adams above-mentioned, voted to report it inexpedient, in their opinion that the amendment should be recommended. In the Convention, the report being accepted, and the question of the passage of the resolution recommending the amendment being submitted, it was negatively decided; yeas 218. Mr. WILSON moved to reconsider the vote upon the resolution; Mr. FIELD moved to lay the motion upon the table; both of which motions were lost by a strong vote.

On motion, the Convention again resolved itself into a committee of the whole,—Mr. Kellogg in the Chair,—and took up the consideration of the second resolution, providing for the adoption of the second proposal of amendment—that "no balloting for Town Representatives shall be commenced after 12 o'clock," &c.; and there I leave them, and bid you a hasty adieu.

By my report, you will see that, thus far, little has been done except speech-making to-day.

Yours, very truly, COMMUNICATOR.

Special Correspondence of the Free Press.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Montpelier, Jan. 8, 1850.

Gen. Clarke:

Dear Sir,—You will remember that with the close of my communication yesterday, I left the Convention in committee upon the second of the series of resolution offered by Mr. Williams—which provides for the adoption of the second article of amendment, limiting the time for balloting to 12 o'clock midnight, of the first Tuesday of September. Messrs. SARGENT and HILL of Craftsbury spoke in favor of the amendment; they claimed that there was great need of some limitation. Messrs. CLARK of Middletown, and CUSHMAN of Rochester opposed it—strongly—the first on the ground that the proposal failed to reach the evil which it was designed to remove; the latter on the ground of a general dislike to meddling with the constitution. It was voted to report against the passage of the resolution, which report being made and accepted, the convention adjourned.

This morning, upon the question of the passage of the resolution, spirited remarks were submitted in favor of it, by Messrs. HUNT, PINGRY, HALE, COOLIDGE and VILAS. They urged the necessity of settling a question of long contention and dispute, decided in Town Meetings and Legislatures, sometimes one way and sometimes another. Mid-night elections should be avoided—they were pernicious both morally and politically, and all elections made after that time were rather a misrepresentation than a representation of towns where such elections were made.

The resolution was opposed by Messrs. FIELD, STODDARD, KELLOGG, NEEDHAM, BOTTOM and CARPENTER. They assumed the position that the constitution should not be modified, unless there were absolute evils existing, which would be removed by the amendments proposed; and in the case before them, though they saw an evil arising from the want of a proper limit to the first Tuesday of September, yet they could not perceive a remedy in the adoption of the amendment under consideration. The question was debated until noon, and being submitted for final action, and the yeas and nays demanded, it was decided in the negative; yeas 112, nays 119. So the resolution was lost.